

Remarks

Claims 1-19, 22 and 28 are cancelled. Claims 20-21, 23-27 and 29-35 remain pending in the Application.

Rejection under 103(a)

Claims 13, 14 and 18

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 13, 14 and 18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura et al (6487074) in view of Mizuno (5333676) or Nakazato et al. (5718628). Applicant has canceled Claims 13, 14 and 18. Therefore, the rejection with respect to Claims 13, 14 and 18 is moot.

Claims 16 and 17

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 16 and 17 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura et al in view of Mizuno or Nakazato et al. Applicant has canceled Claims 16 and 17. Therefore, the rejection with respect to Claims 16 and 17 is moot.

Claims 6-7, 13-15 and 18

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 6-7, 13-15 and 18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanners. Applicant has canceled Claims 6-7, 13-15 and 18. Therefore, the rejection with respect to Claims 6-7, 13-15 and 18 is moot.

Claims 11-12 and 16-17

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 11-12 and 16-17 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanners. Applicant has canceled Claims 11-12 and 16-17. Therefore, the rejection with respect to Claims 11-12 and 16-17 is moot.

Claims 1-5 and 8-9

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-5 and 8-9 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanners in view of Spinazzola et al. (6412292). Applicant has canceled Claims 1-5 and 8-9. Therefore, the rejection with respect to Claims 1-5 and 8-9 is moot.

Claim 10

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 10 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanners, Spinazzola et al. and further in view of Sagues et al. (4557225). Applicant has canceled Claim 10. Therefore, the rejection with respect to Claim 10 is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 20-21, 23-27 and 29-35.

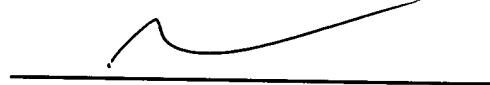
Conclusion

In light of the allowable subject matter of Claims 20-21, 23-27 and 29-35 and the Claim Amendments herein, Applicant requests issuance of the now allowable Application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present application.

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